IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Confirmation No.: 1147

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Examiner: Chih Min Kam Serial No.: 10/027.015

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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR PROMOTING MYOCARDIAL AND PERIPHERAL ANGIOGENESIS

CUSTOMER NO. 45488

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 14, 2006

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 14, 2006, for which the three-month date for response is June 16, 2006.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Director is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2103.000500RE. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment to the specification (p. 2), amendments to the claims (pp. 3-6), and remarks (pp. 7-10).